

**City of Gahanna
Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation
Foundation Partnership
Giving Program**

Parks & Recreation Foundation Mission Statement

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation is committed to improving the quality of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation services for a healthier community.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Vision Statement

To educate Gahanna residents, businesses and the surrounding community about the importance of parks and recreation services, and to promote programs and facilities essential to making Gahanna a great place to live, work and play.

What is the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation?

Parks & Recreation services are essential for our City's quality of life. They benefit our lives each day by encouraging businesses and new residents to settle in Gahanna; they provide lifetime family memories; they improve our health and preserve our natural area. Like other resources, these services are funded by the City. However, the needs of our parks, facilities and recreation programming may exceed our financial resources. The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation was founded to assist the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation in supporting these needs. This non-profit 501(C)(3) organization is a group of hard-working volunteer citizens who donate their time and talents to protect, nurture, and grow the opportunities our residents deserve.

Methods for Giving

- Donation
- Estate Planning
 - Charitable gift annuities and life insurance are ways in which you can meet your charitable goals while establishing a permanent and lasting legacy
- Bequests
 - Often considered the most time honored method of charitable giving, gifts can be made through your Will or trust
- Land Donations
 - Influence how your land will be used for generations to come by donating land to the Foundation
- Other
 - Clubhouse and Park Rental Deposits
Transfer your clubhouse or Park Rental deposit to the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation general fund

Park Improvements

Join the effort to preserve land and open space, improve our parks, connect our greenways, and provide recreational opportunities in our community. Create a living and lasting tribute by

adding a park bench, picnic table, live tree, drinking fountain, or a bike rack to one of our area parks.

The Foundation guarantees your selection for ten (10) years or the life of the donation park benches, trees and picnic tables. If by some unfortunate incident, your selection perishes or must be moved during the ten year, you will be permitted to re-select.

- **Park Bench**

Benches are a popular donation item for parks, golf courses and recreational trails.

\$1,500 – with plaque

- **Sponsor a Tree (\$350)**

Looking for a unique and green gift for your loved ones? Give as living gift; for every donation of \$350, a tree will be planted in a Gahanna Park.

- Trees will be planted by park staff, and planting will be scheduled in the spring or fall dependent upon tree availability.
- Tree type, location, and planting schedule are dependent on the need in the City's parks and will be determined by the City's Forester.
- Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation will plant and monitor trees, provide maintenance, and will replace trees if they die or are damaged.
- Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation reserves the right to relocate trees within the City's parks if needed.

- **Memorial Basket Program**

\$200 per season with plaque

- **Picnic Tables**

8' Recycled Plastic Picnic Tables – with plaque
\$2,500

- **Future Facilities**

- **Special funding Programs**

It should be understood that donations of any items in no way constitute ownership of the item, the land upon which it is situated, or the surrounding lands. Furthermore, the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation retains the right to use lands adjacent to these donated items as it deems appropriate or to relocate the item if redevelopment of the area warrants this action.

Special Naming Rights

Philosophy Statement: Naming Rights will consider the construction cost and adverse maintenance cost over the lifespan of the improvement. In most cases the city provides the land and routine maintenance; the sponsor will supply the improvement.

Companies or individuals who previously purchased Special Naming Rights would have right of first refusal to continue to sponsor their selected park amenity.

Adopt a Site

Individuals or entities who might be interested in “adopting” specific sites within the community are being sought. Adoptions could include locations with existing landscaping or investments to create entirely new “bright spots” in the community. Each area is available for either a one-time donation or adoption for a three or five year period by making annual installments.

\$500 - \$5,000 – Park Entries and Themed Gardens

\$5,000 - \$10,000 – “Gold Leaf” Areas – Community Entryways/High Profile Parkettes

Program Scholarship Fund

Help send a Gahanna child to camp or participate in a recreation program or enjoy a summer at the pool. The City of Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation is proud to offer a youth scholarship program. The program is designed for Gahanna children who, without financial assistance, would not have the opportunity to participate in the Department’s activities. Scholarships will help make programs more accessible by partially covering the cost for residents who qualify.

- Aquatic Scholarships
- Camp Scholarships
- Program Scholarships

Senior Center Fund

The primary goal of the Gahanna Senior center is to provide programs and services to senior adults to help them remain active, independent, and contributing citizens within the community.

- Senior Scholarships
- Send a gift of stock
- Put us in your will by making a bequest
- Provide us with in-kind gifts of goods or services
- Donate your time as a volunteer

Donations to the Gahanna Senior Center allow us to support the holistic needs of our members. We cannot offer the resources and activities our seniors deserve without your help. Your tax deductible gift encourages new initiatives and sustains the future of the Gahanna Senior Center.

Friends of the Parks & Recreation Membership

General contributions to the systems will be granted to the department for efforts that provide benefits to the residents through parks and recreation activities or facilities.

Procedure for making a donation

The Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation office will manage all donations located on City park property with the assistance of the Parks Maintenance staff.

Application: The donor must complete a donor application form available by contacting the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation office at 614.342.4250. Completed applications and payment will be made to the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation Foundation.